

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 to 18 without prejudice:

Claims 1 to 24. (canceled)

25. (previously presented) The method as defined in claim 28, wherein said at least one nonionic emulsifier is

an addition product of 2 to 30 mol ethylene oxide and/or 1 to 5 mol propylene oxide to a C₈- to C₂₂-fatty alcohol, to a C₁₂- to C₂₂-fatty acid or an alkylphenol with 8 to 15 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups;

a C₁₂- to C₂₂-fatty acid mono -ester and/or -diester of an addition product of 1 to 30 mol ethylene oxide to glycerol;

an addition product of 5 to 60 mol ethylene oxide to castor oil or hydrogenated castor oil;

a mono-, di- and/or triester of phosphoric acid with an addition product of 2 to 30 mol ethylene oxide to a C₈- to C₂₂-fatty alcohol; or

a mixture of any two of the aforesaid.

26. (previously presented) The method as defined in claim 28, wherein said at least one wax is an animal wax, a vegetable wax, a mineral wax, a synthetic wax, a micro-crystalline wax, a macro-crystalline wax, a solid paraffin, petrolatum, ozocerite, montan wax, Fischer-Tropsch wax, polyolefin wax, beeswax, wool wax, a wool wax alcohol, candelilla wax, camauba wax, Japan wax, a hardened

fat, fatty acid ester, a fatty acid glyceride with a hardening point of above 40°C or a silicone wax, or any two or more of the aforesaid.

27. (previously presented) The method as defined in claim 28, further comprising restyling or reshaping the hairstyle by putting the hair in another desired hairstyle at said time after putting the hair in the desired hair style and during another phase in which the hair wax composition is comparatively less sticky than in said initial time interval.

28. (previously presented) A method of shaping or styling hair in a hairstyle, said method comprising the steps of:

a) providing a hair wax composition containing from 20 to 60 percent by weight water; from 10 to 50 percent by weight of at least one monohydric alcohol with 2 to 3 carbon atoms; from 0 to 5 percent by weight of at least one polyhydric alcohol with 2 to 5 carbon atoms; from 10 to 30 percent by weight of at least one nonionic emulsifier and from 5 to 30 percent by weight of at least one wax; wherein the weight ratio of said at least one nonionic emulsifier to said at least one wax is greater than 1, so that a stickiness of said hair wax composition changes after application to dry or slightly wet hair to be shaped;

b) applying said hair wax composition to the dry or slightly wet hair to be shaped; and

c) within an initial time interval immediately after the applying of step b) in which said hair wax composition applied to the hair is more sticky than during a

time after said initial time interval, putting the dry or slightly wet hair to be shaped into said hairstyle.

29. (previously presented) The method as defined in claim 28, wherein said initial time interval is from 20 to 30 seconds.

30. (previously presented) The method as defined in claim 28, wherein said at least one monohydric alcohol is selected from the group consisting of ethanol, n-propanol and isopropanol, and wherein said at least one polyhydric alcohol is glycerol.

31. (previously presented) The method as defined in claim 28, wherein said hair wax composition contains from 1 to 10 percent by weight of at least one hydrophobic oil.

32. (previously presented) The method as defined in claim 28, wherein said weight ratio of said at least one nonionic emulsifier to said at least one wax is from 1.1 to 4.